

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 11-23 with the following new paragraph:

Audio systems are used in a variety of environments, such as within homes, in automobiles, on boats, etc. In most environments, the interior and/or exterior conditions may result in audio interference. For example, in a home with several family members, children may cry, dogs may bark, the phone may ring, or someone may run a vacuum cleaner. In these cases, a person listening to an audio system may have to repeatedly adjust the volume up and down to remain at a desired level relative to environmental noise and interference. As another example, in an automobile the environmental noise level may increase due to road noise when it is raining or engine [[noise]] noise when driving at a greater speed.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 12-18 with the following new paragraph:

Audio system **200** includes preamplifier [[206]] 206, which provides audio output to amplifier **230**. Audio is presented to the listener via speakers **232, 234**. Although two speakers are shown in **Figure 2**, more or fewer speakers may be included depending upon the implementation. In many automobile stereo systems, four, five, six, or even seven speakers are typically used.